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Examiner

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Group Art Unit:

3731

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: APPLICATION BRANCH

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with eighteen (18) references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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